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DELEGATE**WILCOX.****His Influence Has Been Harmed by Expose.****THIRD LETTER TO FILIPINOS****The Seat of the Hawaiian Not Likely to be Vacated.**

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The fight has reached its height. The heavy guns which Don Caesar Cello Moreno served for Attorney Geo. D. Gear were turned loose Friday last week when the letters written by the Delegate to Moreno were filed with the elections committee of the House. In addition the statement of Attorney Gear was sent in, the letters being only used as exhibits in the case.

Whatever may be said as to the advisability of the action which is being taken by Attorney Gear and those whom he represents, there can be no question of the effectiveness of the means he is employing to carry on the war. Before the formal filing of the papers in the case the letters from Wilcox were shown to many Senators and members of the House, and that they created a sensation is putting it mildly. There is a feeling that the sentiments which were expressed by the Delegate were of a most revolutionary character; that there could be no ground for an Hawaiian to propose to get into action against the United States and that the adjectives were used in an indefensible manner.

The result is a question. Should a resolution declaring the seat of Wilcox vacant be introduced and sent to the elections committee, there will be a full discussion, Wilcox will be allowed to make to the full committee the statement which he made privately to Taylor, as to the conditions which led him to make the offers of service, and these will be weighed fully before any action is taken. There is much surprise displayed by some members of Congress that these matters were not officially brought to the attention of Congress at an earlier time. Had this been done, had there been any intimation given that such charges were at hand, it would have been but the work of a moment to have a motion made that the Delegate should stand aside, and then the result would have been that the whole question could have been discussed without the complication of the seating of the Delegate. This undoubtedly will have some bearing on the final action. The unseating of a member will make more trouble than the keeping out of a man who is not wanted.

At this time any action will have the result of introducing some hot speeches from anti-administration members, who will find texts in the utterances of Wilcox to attack the course of this Government in the Philippines and will applaud the sentiments uttered then. In my opinion, should there develop nothing more, Congress will hold that as there was no actual American status in the Islands when the letters were written, the Congress shall not take any account of them at this time.

Whatever may be the result, it may be said now that the usefulness of the Delegate has been seriously impaired, if not destroyed. Wilcox had been making some friends and was being well received at departments and before committees. It is not going too far to say that he will have some trouble in re-establishing himself, should the discussion of the letters go on. In this at least the campaign will be effective.

The letters filed read as follows: Honolulu, H. I., Jan. 31, 1899. Dr. Joseph Losada, Captain Marti Burgos and Senator J. Luna.

Gentlemen: This is to introduce to you a friend of mine who is a very able man to help you in your cause. . . . What I read in the newspapers that your cause seems to be hoped that the United States would soon recognize the independence of your country.

Mr. — will be a useful ally to fight for the cause of the Philippines. He had always given his useful services in the cause of the weaker race against the aggressive intruders.

One thing is sure, that you could resist against any army of invasion. You have a population of 12,000,000, and already a disciplined army of 20,000 well equipped with modern arms.

I am already made up my mind to join with you in your country against America in case they insist to ignore the right, the justice of your cause. I know well my profession as an artillery officer. I have no fear of the whole world when I fight for a legitimated cause like independence. Between General Aguinaldo and myself it would be very little chances left to the invaded army of the United States to conquer your country. Tell General Aguinaldo I am already given my services for your country, and I am ready to obey order to go to your country and fight for the independence of your people and country at any moment.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT W. WILCOX.

Honolulu, H. I., March 8, 1899.

I am thinking to go to the Philippine Islands and give my assistance to Aguinaldo against the invaders—the hypocritical Yankees—the Carpetbag Politician Otis. . . . The Americans are too hoggish in their undertaking, and they will always make blunders. Their first blunder is in robbing the independence of Hawaii; second this war of conquest of Porto Rico and Cuba, and now the last the bear outrageous on the Philippines.

It is my duty to fight against them and support the independence of the Philippines. We may not win right away, but in the long run we will surely win. At present the American have destroyed all their friendship by being treacherous, and they blame nobody but themselves.

In fighting and destroy United States influence in the Far East, I would have glory, honor and my work would be appreciated by the Filipinos, by Chinese

and Japanese and Arabs. It is my great folly to lose all these chances.

Yours most faithfully and ever firm friend,

ROBERT W. WILCOX.

There is still another letter which was not put in but will come later. This letter is as follows:

Honolulu, H. I., Feb. 21, 1899.

Have you called on the Filipino delegates yet on my behalf? I do believe in my heart that what was said at Manila is another treacherous work of the American carpetbag politicians. General Aguinaldo and his colleagues are men of high character; they only have one aim is to obtain peaceably the independence of their beloved country. In fact delegates after delegates are still on the way to Washington to ask United States people in peaceable manner to recognize the independence after being together as allies against the Spaniards. No sane man would think for a moment they are merely travelling to Washington to pretend while General Aguinaldo and others at home would treacherously attack the Americans to obtain independence. General Aguinaldo is a man of rare ability and far sighted than that. I have seen so often these outrageous played here in Honolulu by the American Carpet Bag Politicians who glory in being victorious on weak and defenseless nation. If the best statesmen of the United States only exert their energies to send out men of National character to investigate they will find that the Filipinos are right and the Americans are all wrong in this time to stop these outrageous affairs of the Carpet bag politicians and save in time the honorable character of the American people?

If General Giuseppe Garibaldi is living he would not for a moment hesitate to go to the Philippines Islands and fight for the cause of the Filipinos, and our true Americans would uphold such a patriotic stand, and the whole world also. And why the influence of these Carpet Bag Politicians is allowed to obstruct the independence of the Filipinos? You would not surprise me if you hear that I am preparing to go East to support the cause of the Filipinos. The Filipinos are to be supported in their struggling for the cause, the independence of their beloved country.

General Aguinaldo is entitled to be recognized by the United States people as friend after he sacrificed as much as ally against the Spaniards. He is a man of great ability, his past record shows it. They are now forced to fight with great power, not because they want to fight, but they are forced to it. Give my best aloha to the Filipinos in Washington. Aloha nui to you.

ROBERT W. WILCOX.

Delegate Wilcox will discuss the letters only to say that he will make as his defense the argument that conditions at the time when the letters were written, his knowledge of the conditions justified his expressions.

While all the evidence in the case is now in, there will be nothing done in the premises until the House has had its attention officially called to the matter by some member rising and calling the subject directly before that body by the presentation of a resolution declaring the seat of the Delegate vacant. It is by this method of procedure only that the committee on elections can have any cognizance of the matter. Unlike a contest against a member, such a protest as has been submitted can be handled only from the floor first. In view of this condition there seems more than a little doubt of the matter reaching any conclusion at this session. There remains such a short time in which action may be taken that perhaps for the fear of raising a debate in which there will be brought to the front plenty of argument against the general course of affairs in the Philippines that no initiative will be taken.

Wilcox has disappointed some of those who have been watching his course in the hope that he might develop tendencies and qualities which would indicate that he would make a good legislator. Perhaps it is making too hasty judgment to say that he has not caught onto the methods. It takes time for anyone to do this, but there have been occasions when a word from him would have been productive of good, and it was not spoken.

One of these occasions came Saturday, when Chairman Knox of the Territories committee tried to call up and have passed the bills which would provide means for the taking up of the Hawaiian currency and to provide for sub-ports of entry. There were objections at once and the bill went over. There was need at that time of an explanation from Hawaii and the Delegate was not on his feet. This matter of the currency has been discussed frequently and the result has been to awaken much interest. There is some difference of opinion in the matter as the case is at first presented, but there seems no reason to doubt but before adjournment there will be a clearing of the atmosphere. Secretary of the Treasury Gage feels that the passage of the bill at this time would lead to a contradiction of the circulating medium to such an extent that it would make much trouble for the business interests. The recommendation in his report which contemplates the depositing of the custom revenues in the national depository rather than the continued shipment of the coin out of the Islands probably will pass, and should this be done the sending away of the Hawaiian silver might make some difference, but as it now stands the bill, which is yet before the House and which will be sent into the Senate very soon by Senator Foraker of the committee on Pacific Islands, would only make the change which would permit the sending to San Francisco of Hawaiian silver instead of American coinage. There is every reason to believe that the bill will go through at a later time.

E. M. B.

Hawaiian Independence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, which was introduced in the House this afternoon, there is a provision for the payment of the indebtedness of the Hawaiian Islands. The amount appropriated is \$3,447,335.17. This appropriation is made under the provisions of the Newlands resolution which provided for the annexation of the islands. The bringing in of the amount in the Sundry Civil bill insures its being kept in the measure and means that with the coming of the opening of the new fiscal year that the amount in the bill will be available for the redemption of the outstanding bonds. The form which the action takes is most favorable, for the reason that which will be no fight on the item, which would have resulted on the general economy principle had there been introduced a bill carrying this appropriation alone.

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